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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Thomas H. Orac
Serial No.: 10/013,072
Filed: December 10, 2001
For: Batch Process For Making High Flash Point Pitch
Group Art Unit: 1764
Examiner: Tam M. Nguyen
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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VIA FACSIMILE NO. 703-872-9306

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed May 18, 2004, the Response to Office Action filed on February 23, 2004 is amended herein to include the text of withdrawn claims 16-24, and is hereby re-asserted as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.